

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Vietnam Trade Act.

House Committees ordered reported 13 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10105–S10256

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1486–1498, and S. Res. 166–167. **Page S10154**

Measures Passed:

Vietnam Trade Act: By 88 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate passed H.J. Res. 51, approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment with respect to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, clearing the measure for the President.

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Ambassador Douglas “Pete” Peterson Recognition: Senate agreed to S. Res. 167, recognizing Ambassador Douglas “Pete” Peterson for his service to the United States as the first American ambassador to Vietnam since the Vietnam War. **Pages S10140–41**

Need-Based Educational Aid Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 768, to amend the Improving America’s Schools Act of 1994 to extend the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10252**

Reid (for Kohl) Amendment No. 1844, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S10252–53**

Aviation Security Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1447, to improve aviation security. **Pages S10128–40**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion could occur on Friday, October 5, 2001. **Page S10128**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to

proceed to consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 4, 2001. **Page S10253**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

Vietnam Nondiscriminatory Trade Extension: S. J. Res. 16, approving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. **Page S10252**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. **Pages S10252, S10256**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Sichan Siv, of Texas, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Gaddi H. Vasquez, of California, to be Director of the Peace Corps.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

A routine list in the Coast Guard. **Page S10256**

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Text of S. 1438 as Previously Passed: **Pages S10168–S10252**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—291) **Page S10126**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:50 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 4, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10256.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NORTHERN BORDER SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government held hearings to examine security efforts along the United States northern border with Canada, how additional emergency funds will be allocated, and future needs in the wake of terrorist activity in the United States, receiving testimony from Robert C. Bonner, Commissioner, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and James W. Ziglar, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BIOTERRORISM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings to examine bioterrorism issues, focusing on strengthening health surveillance capacity, support for preparedness measures and continued research, and helping hospitals and medical professionals in the face of possible attacks, receiving testimony from Senators Kennedy, Frist, Hagel, and Edwards; Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Patricia Quinlisk, Iowa Department of Health, Des Moines, on behalf of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists; Jonathon B. Tucker, Monterey Institute of International Studies, Washington, D.C.; Stephen V. Cantrill, Denver Health Medical Center, Denver, Colorado; Rex Archer, Kansas City Health Department, Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials; and Jerome M. Hauer, Kroll Associates, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Harold Craig Manson, of California, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the need for an economic stimulus package,

focusing on restoring consumer demand, supporting business investment, and helping those affected by the terrorist attacks, receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Also, committee approved the creation of the following subcommittee:

Subcommittee on Central Asia and South Caucasus: Senators Torricelli (Chairman), Biden, Kerry, Wellstone, Boxer, Lugar (Ranking Member), Hagel, Smith, and Brownback.

The subcommittee deals with matters concerning Central Asia and the South Caucasus, including the countries of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, as well as Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. This subcommittee's responsibilities include all matters, problems and policies involving promotion of U.S. trade and export, terrorism, crime and the flow of illegal drugs; and oversight over U.S. foreign assistance programs that fall within this subcommittee's regional jurisdiction.

CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights concluded hearings to examine how to implement the Administration's proposed legislation to remove impediments to intelligence gathering and coordination between the intelligence and law enforcement elements of the government in order to improve our nation's defenses against terrorism, while minimizing civil liberties infringement in a manner consistent with our fundamental Constitutional liberties, after receiving testimony from David S. Kris, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Jerry Berman, Center for Democracy and Technology, David D. Cole, Georgetown University Law Center/Center for Constitutional Rights, Morton H. Halperin, Council on Foreign Relations/Center for National Security Studies, Douglas W. Kmiec, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law, and Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform/In Defense of Freedom, all of Washington, D.C.; and John O. McGinnis, Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York.